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PROTECT OUR MEN!

THERE is considerable agitation in New York City just at present over the "rights" of unattended women in hotels and restaurants. As usual with such questions, it is being settled by incoherent clamor, resort to the legislature at Albany, combined with the pure reasoning of our yellow journals. In the first place, the question is one peculiar to New York City alone. Nowhere else in the United States does the female adventuress roam so freely, thereby casting a sort of suspicion upon her decent sisters. A state law compelling restaurants to serve unattended women would work very great hardship to New York City inn-keepers—the only place, as we have said, where the problem seriously presents itself. It is to be hoped that some day we will get over the habit of looking to legislation to supply our lack of individual common sense. The keeper of a New York restaurant should, and usually does, employ a head waiter intelligent enough to know who is desirable and who is not. The whole matter must be left to him. The laws, as they stand, require hotels to serve all comers, within reason; but he is unfit to be a head waiter who cannot explain that all seats are engaged, or lure the apparently undesirable applicant, male or female, into some less public dining-room. The fact of the matter is that the men of New York City are the ones who need protection, not the women. They are a precious lot, and should each be accompanied by nurse or guardian before entering any public place where they might be seized and carried off. It is significant that this whole agitation comes to a point in Leap Year.

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RETRIBUTION IN RUSSIA.

EVERY well-brought-up little boy knows that if he goes fishing on Sunday he will fall into the water, and if he buys candy with the penny that was intended for the contribution plate, it will make him sick. As we grow older, our faith in immediate retribution weakens, and we are ready to take our chances with the deferred variety. Every government knows that it is contrary to international law, as well as to all decent procedure, to seize and open the mail of the representative of a foreign government. Russia has done this in the case of M. Bompard, the French ambassador. In order to bring about his recall, the bureaucracy had one of his private letters photographed. The disgraceful act succeeded in effecting his retirement, but the contents of the letter, made public, so effectively discredit the present Russian financial situation that the autocracy, as a result, will probably be unable to negotiate any more foreign loans. Perhaps the grand dukes will now stop opening private letters, though that is unlikely. It is often wise to be good.

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THE destruction of the files of *Leslie's Weekly* and JUDGE by fire leaves our records incomplete. We shall be glad to hear immediately from those who have bound or unbound files of these publications, from which missing numbers can be supplied for years, or parts of years. We shall pay a satisfactory price for the same.

WILL THE WELSH RABBIT FOLLOW THE TEDDY BEAR?

THE PUSH-CART MAN.

THE push-cart man! the push-cart man!
With all that he doth own,
Stands patiently, both day and night,
Beside the cold curbstone;
And just as someone comes to buy
A little thing or two,
Why, then an officer comes up
And shouts, "Hey, you! Skidoo!"

The push-cart man! the push-cart man!
His lazy trade doth ply,
The crowds they gather 'round his cart,
But no one seems to buy;
And when a fellow does come 'long
Some business for to do,
The officer's grim voice is heard:
"Say, push along! Skidoo."

The push-cart man! the push-cart man!
His lot is hard indeed,
His cart is loaded to the brim
With things that he don't need;
And just as a sure purchaser
A knick-knack starts to choose,
Why, then a bluecoat comes along
And push-cart man skidoos.

F. P. PITZER.

SMART, WASN'T HE!

"I was named after George Washington."

"I thought your name was Peter Paul?"

"So it is; but I was christened in 1832, just a hundred years after."

ANYTHING AT A PINCH.

THE GOAT peered into the yard. It was Monday, and he was hungry.

"I'm starving," quoth he, "but I must do it."

"Do what?" inquired a stray horse.

"Take in washing," responded the goat, as he broke through the fence.

ATONEMENT.—AND THE END IS NOT YET.

YOU may break, you may shatter, the lone dollar bill, but the cents in your pocket will fly to the till.

DIFFERENT VIEW-POINTS.

"Look at them bear tracks!"
"Pity we've only brought bird shot, or we'd follow him."
"I'm glad we brought bird shot!"

COMPROMISE SUGGESTION.

Knicker—"Do you think ships should be commanded by the line or the staff?"

Bocker—"Why not have a man who excels in horsemanship?"

FROM BERTH.

Banks—"That scar a birthmark?"
Tanks—"Yep. Pullman upper."

HELP! HELP!

I LONG to know the joys of liter-
Ary fame. Poetic gen-
Ius I covet. Oh, the bitter-
Ness of blasted hopes! Such glean-
Ing of ecstatic bliss, I cal-
Culate is not for me. One ob-
Stacle e'er confronts my soul, al-
Loying each effusion, rob-

Bing every line and lofty senti-
Ment of all its grace and struc-
Tural beauty; howe'er plente-
Ous and rich the theme—unluck-
Y me!—I find the metric feet be-
Come exhausted ere the fi-
Nal word of every line's complete. Be-
Lieve me, it's quite mystify-

Ing thus to hyphenate so frequent-
Ly.

ALFRED S. HARTZELL.

Landlord—"Washington once slept in that bed you occupied last night."

Guest—"That's more than I could do."

"THE EGG SEEMS ALL RIGHT, BUT THE NEST LOOKS MIGHTY UNCOMFORTABLE."

THE URCHINS' VIEW OF A BOSTON DANCE.
"Gosh, Bill! she has got a naked neck, and talking to a man!"

A NATURAL WALL STREET PREFERENCE.

"I DON'T see why Stocksandbonds, insists on going with Miss Goldust, when he could just as well take up with Miss Gotrox. The latter comes from old American stock."

"That may be true," replied Mrs. Gunbusta, smilingly, "but he probably prefers Miss Goldust because she comes from watered-stock; her ancestors were Baptists, you know."

Lady (to nurse)—"Have you had any children of your own?"
Nurse—"None to speak of, madam."

THE DEAL FELL THROUGH.

HE HAD been drinking. That was very evident to the woman who came to the door in answer to his ring.

"Shay," he began after looking up and down the street nervously, "you put advertisement (hic) in paper shmorning?"

"I did," she replied.

"You shed you (hic) would give good home to cat."

"Yes; have you a cat you wish to get rid of?"

"Besher life!" he replied heartily.

She was about to ask for further particulars when a stockily-built, angry-looking woman stopped at the gate and motioned to the man with the remark:

"Jake, you drunken fool, come down here to me this minute!"

"Thash her—thash old cat I want to get home for," he whispered. "Shay, when"——

The lady who wanted a feline, however, quickly closed and locked the door, while her caller slunk down the steps and was led away by the ear.

A. B. LEWIS.

JUDGE'S FAVORITE.
LORENA ATWOOD IN "THE TALK OF NEW YORK."
New York may talk about you—
"Are you charming, as you seem?"
We who know you never doubt you—
We all talk, and think, and dream.

FREE FROM BAD ONES.

THE leading citizen of a small country town escorted a friend on a tour of inspection through the village. The friend, who was a resident of a metropolitan city, was duly impressed by the many advantages of the little town. Finally the two men reached the cemetery. The visitor carefully looked at the various tributes and then turned to his guide. "Say, Dave," he began, "wh-wh-where do you b-b-bury your s-s-sinners?"

ONE WILD ONE, AT LEAST.
"Do yez think it's a woild wan, Hinnisey?"
"Oi don't know, Casey; but, begorra! th' man thot owns it is."

THIS IS NOT MY AFFINITY.

NO, MY affinity would never drive
An artist mad,
Or captivate with gay, coquettish eye,
Or make him glad
By arts of conversation and of dress
Or silken hair,
Or beauteous form or grace or brilliant mind
Or face so fair,
For my affinity's a homely jade,
Somewhat passé.
A time-worn souvenir of festive youth
Long passed away.
A time-tried, sympathetic friend and chum
Of lasting type—
A stronger one, almost, than I can stand—
My corncob pipe. ROY K. MOULTON.

NOT HIS FAULT.

ONCE there was a young girl with barrels of money. And not knowing what to do with it, she consulted a wise man. He lived all alone in a tent he had built for the purpose, leading a simple life.

When the young girl's case was presented to him, he said, "There are three things that you can do:

"First, you can be an old maid and devote yourself to charity.

"Second, marry the man of your heart.

"Third, marry a nobleman."

So the young girl went away and pondered, and while she was pondering a nice young fellow came along. He was poor but handsome, with broad shoulders and so forth, and she fell in love with him and married him. But after they had been married a little while, he grew suddenly extravagant, and would probably have squandered all her money had he not been killed by dissipation.

Then the young girl married a nobleman. And after they had been living together for several years, he, as is the nature of all true noblemen, began to abuse her. At last, not being able to stand it any longer, she secured a permanent divorce.

Then she went back to the wise man.

"Oh, wise man," she said, "your advice has been very disastrous. What have you to say for yourself?"

"It was your fault," said the wise man, "because you didn't follow it."

"What do you mean? I"——

Then the wise man laughed heartily. "Don't you see," he replied, "now that it is too late, that you began on the wrong end first?"

T. M.

NEWS ITEM.

A BINGLEBOO was discovered in the Brinx woods last Septober. It had poetic feet and a fairy tail.

WASTED MATERIAL.
"Speak louder, boy; I'm a little deaf."
"Gee, wot's de use of all dem ears!"

DEFINITIONS BY SMALL WILLIAM.

Dust—Mud with the juice squeezed out.

Ice—Water that stayed out too late and went to sleep.

Fan—A thing to brush warmth off with.

Stomach—The home of the swallow.

Salt—That what makes your potatoes taste bad if you don't put some in.

Junction—A place where two railroads separate.

Wakefulness—When your eyes are all the time coming unbuttoned.

Responsibility—What would be on one button if the other one should come off my trousers.

Admittance—Price twenty-five cents; children under twelve, fifteen cents.

When a feller has low temperature, he has cold feet; when he has high, he's hot-headed.

SUPPLY IN DANGER OF EXHAUSTION.
"Did yuh hear that Si Huskinby had gone and ordered a tombstone for himself?"
"Sakes alive! Why, ther ain't a healthier man in this hull county!"
'Wall, he's just back from the city, and he says if them Noo Yorkers keep on a-buildin' office buildin's, hotels, quick lunches, an' bootblack parlors in the style they do, the price uv marble'll soon be beyond his means."

DIFFICULT.
"There's Long. I'd sell him some real-estate if I could get his ear for a minute."

LEARNED AT THE OLD SWIMMIN' HOLE.

TWO children stood in their kitchen watching a pot of chicken soup warming on the stove, when suddenly it began to bubble.

"Freddie," inquired the little girl, "what makes it bubble up?"

"There's a chicken in there," explained the little boy, "and it's tryin' to talk under water!"

HEE HAW!

Jones—"Right? I'm sure I'm right! I'll bet my ears on it!"

Brown—"Steady, old man; don't go to such extreme lengths."

A DAY IN A PRESIDENT'S LIFE.

ROSE at 4:30 A. M. Sun very late in getting up. Strenuous life evidently does not appeal to it.

Ran half a mile and jumped over the hen-house. Bath in the Potomac. Ice hardly thick enough to make the dip a pleasant one. Back to the house. Fired off a gun. Echoes very pleasing. Reminds him of Sam Jam Hill.

6:30 A. M. Breakfast. Louisiana bear steak. Relates story of wonderful shot.

6:45 A. M. More exercise. Ran the wheelbarrow around the lot. Wants something to "rassle." Dictated 398 letters. Chased the old speckled turkey around the barn. Bit a four-inch nail in two. Ate a red pepper.

7 A. M. Dictated more letters. No reference to third term. Repeated the word strenuous 63 times. Jumped off the hen-house.

8 A. M. Telephoned to reporters that he would take a horseback ride at 11 o'clock, and outlined the course. Made a bet with son that he could beat him in a horseback race from Podunk to Cohoes.

8:30 A. M. Donned the gloves with Professor Swattum. Professor reported later that the President was the best man with the gloves he had ever met.

9:15 A. M. Met Professor Matto, the famous wrestler from Japan. The professor afterward reported that the President was the most wonderful wrestler he had ever met.

9:30 A. M. Had a visit from Professor Bullseye, the expert rifle-shot from Gleaming Teeth, Mo. The professor afterward reported that the President was the best rifle-shot that he had ever met.

10:30 A. M. Received a visit from a long-whiskered plainsman from Montana, who drove a yoke of oxen. The latter looked very much like Jersey breed. Shook hands with the plainsman and poked the oxen in the ribs. Old plainsman later reported that the President knew more about oxen than any one he ever met.

10:45 A. M. Received reporters and photographers, and ordered horses for a ride. Jumped in the saddle without touching it with his hands. Dashed off into the wild environs of the city, with reporters and photographers straining to keep up. At a small cottage an old woman is asked for a drink of milk. Wonderful! President drinking a glass of milk. Reporters in a state of driveling idiocy. Photographers and secret-service men indignant because old woman did not melt into oil at sight of President.

1:30 P. M. Back to White House. Entered the dining-room, drank a glass of peach-brandy, put down the glass, wiped his mouth with a napkin. (This is vouched for by nine reporters.)

2 P. M. Had luncheon. Fired off another gun, and told reporters about the battle of Sam Jam Hill. Dictated 389 letters. Ate another red pepper. Posed again for photographers. More exercise. Threw an axe at the hen-house.

3 P. M. Took another bath. Ice cold. Tried his teeth on another nail. Raked up some leaves in the White House grounds. Gardener afterward reported that the President knew more about a rake than any man he ever met.

4 P. M. Attended to more affairs of state. Received more deputations and shook hands 989 times. Member from Cohoes afterward reported that the President knew more about shaking hands than any one he had ever met.

5 P. M. Another run with the wheelbarrow. Professors Swattum, Matto and Bullseye called again.

7 P. M. Had dinner.

8 P. M. Wrote another chapter in book entitled "The Mighty Hunter; or, How I Killed the Chipmunk."

9 P. M. Fired another gun out of the back window. Did a lot of other things.

12 o'clock. Went to bed.

R. KELLY.

A BREACH OF PROMISE CASE!

"Is the professor verbose?"
"No; married."

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DON'T LOOK AT THE HOLE, KEE YO

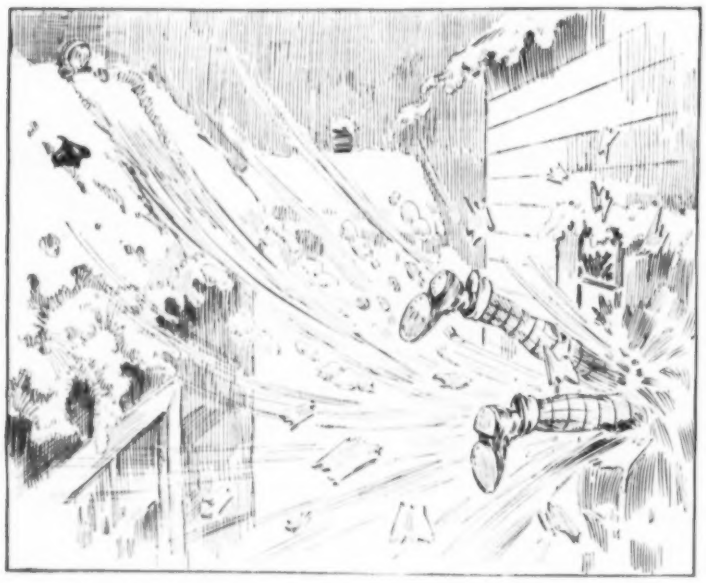
YOUR EYE ON THE DOUGHNUT.

1. NERVY NAT—"Hello, son! that's a husky-looking sled you have in tow. Take your Uncle Nervy aboard and I'll show you a stunt or two."
SON—"Come on, mister."

2. NERVY NAT—"Whee! this is going some, but not one-half as fast as I used to go when I was a kid. Why don't you grease the wheels, son?"
SON—"Sit in the middle of the sled, mister."

3. NERVY NAT—"Great avalanches! where are we going? Say, kid, hard a-starboard!! We're running on the rocks, throw the anchor overboard!"

4. NERVY NAT—"Just as I thought! Over the roof of a barn and steering for yon plate-glass front. Hold fast, look out for the curve!"



5. Smash! Crash! Bang!

6. FARMER—"What in eternal consarnation, thunderation, be gosh a' mighty, be ye doin'?"
NERVY NAT—"See here, Cy, that's no language to use in the presence of ladies. I just blew in here to dine; sorry I was late, but it was unavoidable. I'll take a little of the white meat, if you please."

NO. 37.—NERVY NAT GETS BACK TO BOYHOOD DAYS.

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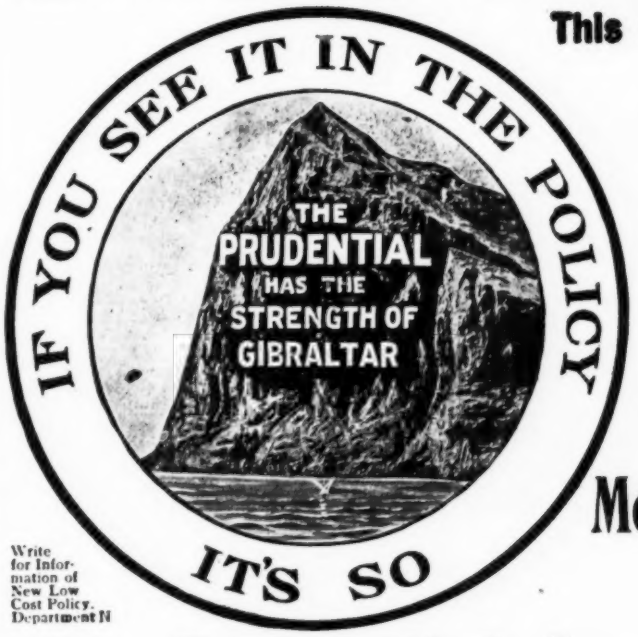

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SAVING HIMSELF.

"You don't mean to say," remarked Wise, "that you made a present of that $5 to Borrowman?"

"Yes," replied Markley, "I had to, to save my own self-respect."

"I don't understand; I thought you loaned it to him."

"So I did; not knowing any better. But now I don't want anybody to believe I was ever foolish enough to expect it back."—*The Catholic Standard and Times.*

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MICKS MIX.

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"Say, who said I wanted a pat on the back?"—*Princeton Tiger.*

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Great Progress of The Prudential.

ENORMOUS FIGURES DEALT IN BY THIS NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual statement of the Prudential of Newark, N. J., which is published on another page, shows the Company to be stronger in public confidence than ever before. The year 1907 is reported to have been one of unusual gains in every department of the Company's business. The Company issued and paid for in new insurance during the year over $272,000,000 dollars. The number of policies in force has been increased by over 400,000, bringing the total number of policies in force up to over 7,250,000. The total amount of insurance at risk is over $1,337,000,000. In payments to policyholders, The Prudential has maintained and surpassed its record for liberality. During the year The Prudential paid to policy-holders over $18,000,000, while since the organization of the Company the total payment to its policy-holders has been over $141,000,000.

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A GENTLE HINT.

Said the girl to the youth in the surrey:
"With a horse like this one, that don't worry,
A driver's misplaced,
His arms go to waste,"
And his arms went to waste in hurry.—*Denver Post.*

Dressed in the latest and most approved motor-cycling costume, with goggles all complete, the motor-cyclist gayly toot-tooted his way by Regents Park toward the Zoo. Suddenly he slackened, dismounted, and said to a small, grubby urchin:

"I say, my boy, am I right for the Zoo?"

The boy gasped at so strange a sight, and thought it must be some new animal for the gardens.

"You may be all right if they have a spare cage," he said, when he could find his tongue, "but you'd ha' stood a far better chance if you'd 'ad a tail!"—*Answers.*

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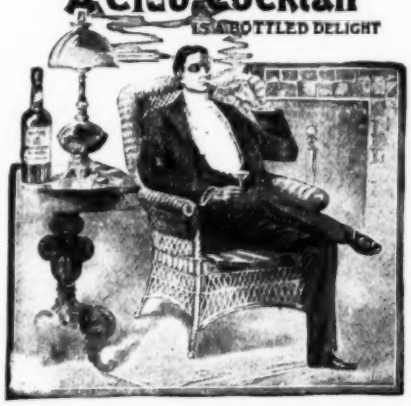

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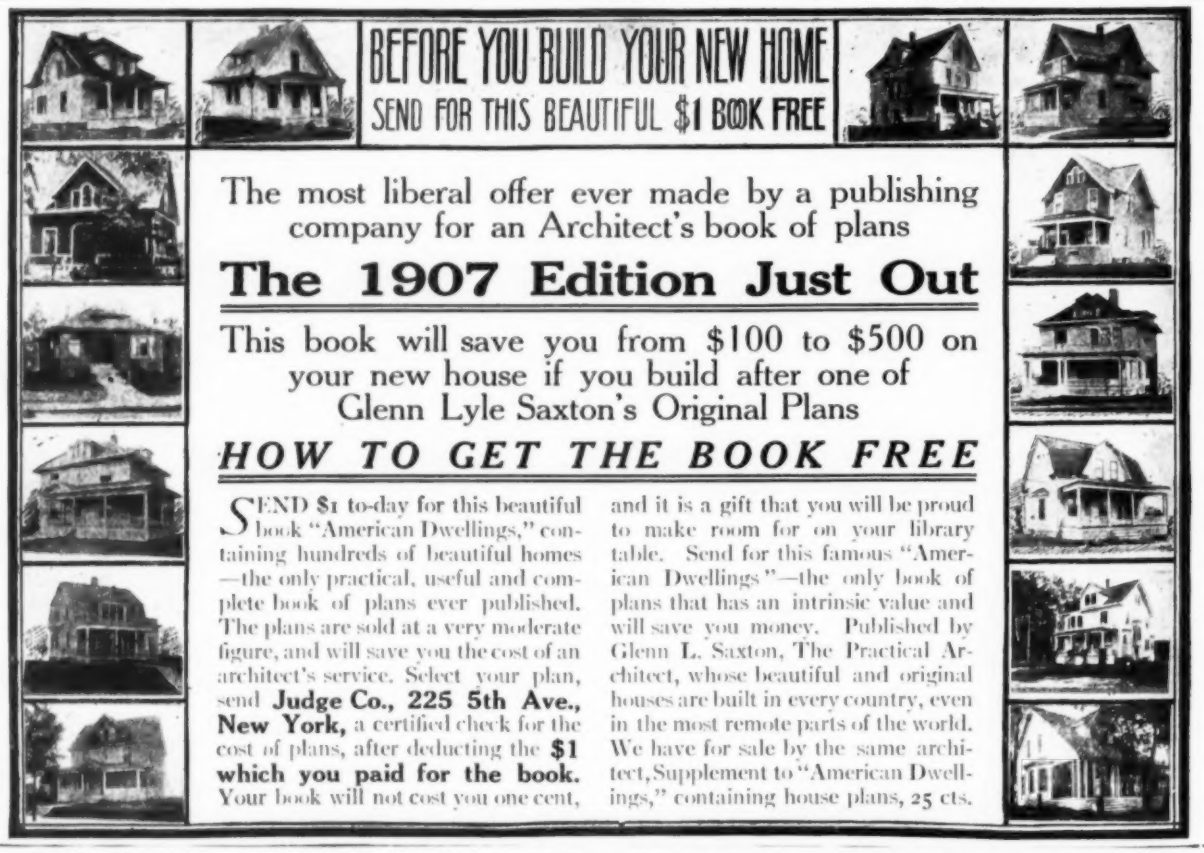

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Who stands a stone wall against graft;
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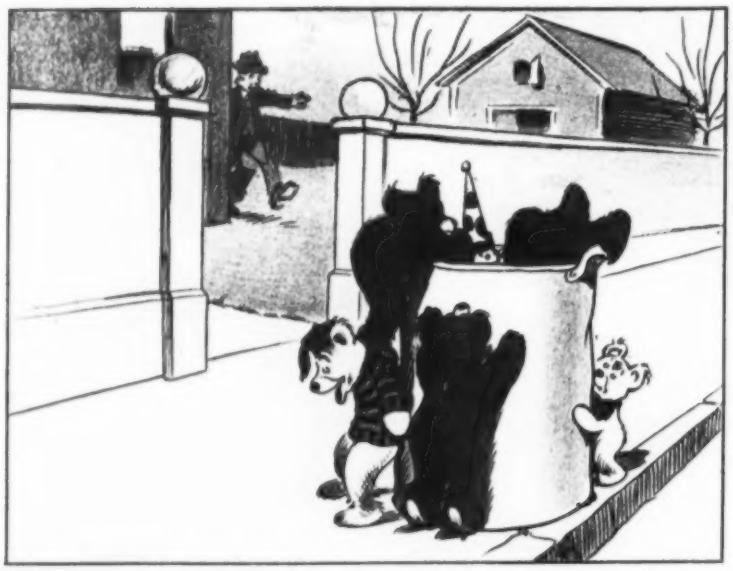
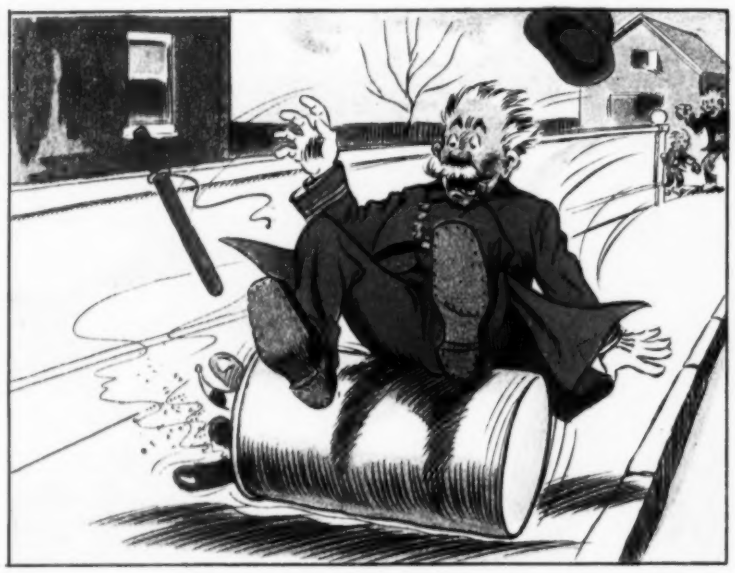


1. The Teds believe that Johnny's tricks
Have often left them in a fix—
They hold a council and decide
That they will run away and hide.

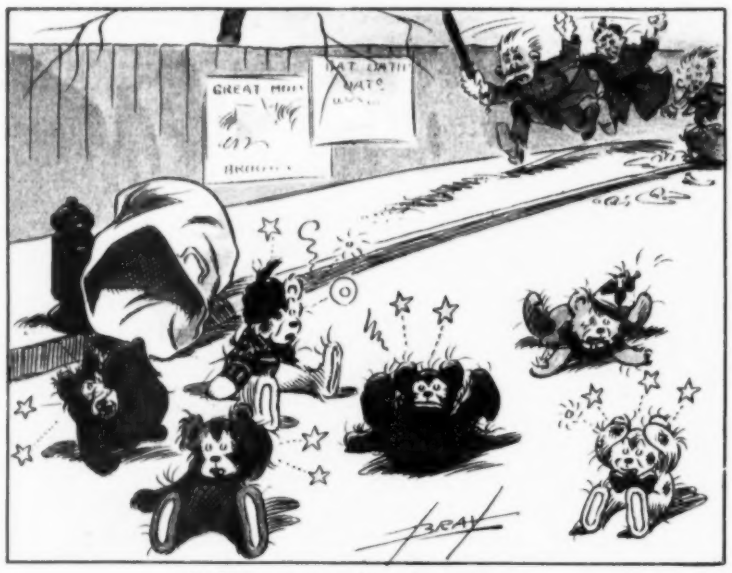
2. They laugh together, cuddled tight
Within an ash-can out of sight;—
They cannot see, which surely rash is,
That Thomas comes to empty ashes.

3. A dreadful crash, with squeal and wail
Makes Thomas's ruddy cheeks turn pale.
The bears in pain and great dismay
Upset the can and roll away.



4. They roll and roll along the street
And knock a policeman from his feet,—
They hear the threatening, angry man,
And wish they'd never seen the can.

5. They roll and roll right through the town
And knock an Irish woman down,
She joins the policeman, wild with wrath,
And follows quick the Teddys' path.



6. The can goes rolling all about
Till all the Teds are tumbled out.
They see the victims in pursuit
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